

REMARKS

In the parent application, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following patentably distinct categories:

Group I (claims 1-9, drawn to a compound of formula I wherein in formula II, both X_1 and X_2 are nitrogen);

Group II (claims 1-9, drawn to a compound of formula I wherein in formula II, either X_1 and X_2 is nitrogen, the other carbon); and

Group III (claims 1-9, drawn to a compound of formula I wherein in formula II, both X_1 and X_2 are carbon).

Applicants elected to prosecute Group III (claims 1-9, drawn to a compound of formula I wherein in formula II, both X_1 and X_2 are carbon) with traverse in the parent application. In this divisional application, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 by adding the phrase "but X_1 and X_2 are not both carbon," thereby excluding the possibility that X_1 or X_2 are both carbon. As a result of the amendment, X_1 or X_2 can both be nitrogen, X_1 and X_2 can be carbon and nitrogen, respectively, or X_1 and X_2 can be nitrogen and carbon, respectively.

Applicants await an examination on the merits and respectfully request the timely allowance of claims 1-9.

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